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SUBJECT: BROWN/HABIB APPEARANCES BEFORE HIRC AND SFRC

1. GENERAL BROWN AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB APPEARED BEFORE  
HIRC IN BOTH OPEN AND EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BEFORE EXECU-  
TIVE SESSION OF SFRC JUNE 10.

2. SESSIONS BEFORE HIRC WENT WELL, WITH NO SUBSTANTIAL  
CHALLENGES RAISED TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS OR TO NEED FOR  
COMPENSATORY MEASURES. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' QUESTIONS  
CENTERED ON ATTITUDES OF JAPANESE, SOVIETS AND CHINESE  
TO WITHDRAWAL PLANS, RATIONALE FOR WITHDRAWAL, AND ON  
NORTH-SOUTH MILITARY BALANCE. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION  
WHETHER JCS HAD OPPOSED WITHDRAWAL PLANS, GENERAL BROWN  
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NOTED THAT JCS HAD ORIGINALLY FAVORED DIFFERENT WIT;DRAWAL  
SCHEME THAN THAT FINALLY SELECTED BUT HAD NOT OPPOSED WITH-  
DRAWAL PER SE. THERE WERE FEW OTHER REFERENCES TO POSSIBLE  
SPLITS WITHIN ADMINISTRATION OVER WITHDRAWAL DECISION OR  
TO SINGLAUB AFFAIR. ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVE FRASER  
REGISTERED OPPOSITION TO WITHDRAWAL, SAYING IT WOULD LEAD  
ONLY TO FURTHER REPRESSION BY ROKG, HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE

WAS VIRTUALLY IGNORED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THERE WAS NO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE COMPENSATORY MEASURES.

3. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TOLD ESSENTIALLY WHAT ROKG HAD BEEN TOLD ABOUT OUR PROPOSED TROOP WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE.

4. QUESTIONING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SFRC OPENED WITH BRIEF REVIEW BY SENATOR CASE OF NORTH-SOUTH MILITARY BALANCE ASSESSMENT DRAWN UP BY COMMITTEE STAFF ON BASIS OF ORAL CIA BRIEF-NG. CASE SAID ASSESSMENT SO FAVORED NORTH THAT HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT WITHDRAWAL PLANS. HIS THEME WAS PICKED UP BY SENATOR HUMPHREY WHO SAID HE FAVORED WITHDRAWALS, BUT FELT THE 4-5 YEAR TIME-FRAME SHOULD BE EXTENDED AND THAT REAL EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO COMPENSATE FOR ROK DEFICIENCIES.

5. COMMITTEE DECIDED AT THIS POINT TO ADJOURN HEARINGS AND TO REQUEST CIA DIRECTOR TURNER TO GIVE IT A BRIEFING ON THE NORTH-SOUTH MILITARY SITUATION AT LATER DATE, FOLLOWING WHICH HABIB AND BROWN WOULD BE RECALLED FOR QUESTIONING. VANCE

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